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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

SUBJECT : Handling of TALENT Photography in Preliminary Phases

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

1. Purpose

It is proposed that the ARC review the current practices in the initial handling of TALENT photography and consider proposals for change as indicated in paragraph 4. below.

2. Principles Underlying the Procedures

- a. That the information from the raw materials has been collected in response to the requirements of the US intelligence community on a priority basis and, in addition, insofar as feasible without detriment to the foregoing, in response to departmental requirements.
- b. That the processing and handling of the raw material shall be accomplished with the maximum speed possible within maintenance of high-quality standards.
- c. That the maximum efficiency and speed shall apply in the preparation of the preliminary interpretation report through the full participation of the USIB community, along with the simultaneous transmission of the report to relevant overseas posts.

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d. That one department seeking to scoop other departments with TALENT information will most likely, in the long run, be detrimental to the interests of the intelligence community.

3. Procedures

In trying to act upon the foregoing principles and to achieve the objectives implicit in them, the ARC has:

a. Considered the scheduling of processing and distribution of duplicate positives and negatives [ ] taking into account the 25X1A thus far exceptional circumstances [ ] a Mission. These schedules have been agreed. 25X1C

b. Provided a forum for the review of the procedures established by PIC in keeping with the foregoing principles. Over the years the procedures of PIC to ensure the full participation of the community in the preliminary readout have progressed to its highest state as of the readout of 8009.

c. Arranged for the prompt and equal access of the agencies to all intelligence information derived from a Mission, whether photographic, electronic or pilot debriefings.

4. Proposals

a. That during the preliminary interpretation at PIC by the community, only personnel required for that immediate task be allowed in PIC.

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b. That no information be transmitted from PIC through briefings, telephone calls or written memoranda bearing upon the substance of the interpretation until the ODE is produced, unless information has been uncovered deemed critical by the agencies participating.

c. That as soon as briefing boards are available on highlights (which is likely to occur prior to the publication of the ODE), the DD/I's Office should take responsibility for calling together the USIB at a Special Meeting for a briefing to be presented by the Director, PIC, with briefing representatives available from each agency participating in the readout, such briefing to include an operational briefing by the Acting Chief, DPD.

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